



Ding Dong World Peace by  
Rene Berghold in the framework of  
'Visiting Schlossberg Mountain'

Opening: 5th May 2017 4.00 – 7.00 p.m.  
Press tour: 05th May 2017 at 3.00 p.m.  
Duration: 06th May – 03rd June 2017  
Finissage: 03rd June 11.00 a.m. – 02.00 p.m.

Opening hours:  
Friday 2.00 – 6.00 p.m.  
Saturday 11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Address: Bell Tower, Schlossberg 6, 8010 Graz  
(Opposite the exit of the Schlossberg cable car)

On Friday, 5th of May 2017 at 4.00 p.m. the exhibition 'Ding Dong World Peace' by emerging Austrian artist Rene Berghold in the framework of 'YACA (Young Austrian Contemporary Art) – Visiting Schlossberg Mountain' opens in the Bell Tower on Schlossberg Mountain in Graz, Austria.

The Bell Tower, a former prison and landmark situated on Schlossberg Mountain in the midst and overlooking Graz, Austria will be transformed into a sound cloud reverberating the sound of the nearly five tonne bell and transforming the sound into the melody of the European Hymn 'Ode to Joy' by Ludwig van Beethoven.

The mirror installation 'Freigeist/ Geistfrei' in English 'Libertine/ Empty Minded', 2017 questions our mirrored-self on our position between this counter-positioning word-pair. We are driven to decide if the 'Free Spirit' that the European hymn expresses is still reality for today's Europe and if we live up to it with all the consequences or are we simply choosing bits and peaces and leave the rest as we please, therewith rob the 'Libertine' approach of its immanent content.

An important part in Berghold's works are the titles, adding a further twist to the visual imagery that, often with a humorous approach on plain sight, faces us with an underlying critique on society and ourselves on closer examination. The way to success for an artist becomes apparent in a video installation whereby the artist hammers his way through a wooden chair and afterwards sits down on the empty space. 'Der Künstler schlägt sich durch/ Der Künstler setzt sich durch', 2015 'The artist ekes out a living/ The artist asserts himself', 2015, wittily portraying the seriousness of an artist's way to success.

A guided tour by myself in my role as the curator of the exhibition series and the artist Rene Berghold will take place on the opening day at 3.00 p.m

The exhibition is a project by the AØH Art Consultancy Haberz headed by Daniela Haberz, M.A. funded by the City of Graz and the Mayor of the City of Graz.

We look forward to your visit and reviews.

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